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NINE FATALITIES IN CZECH TRAIN WRECK

On 30 March, at 1512 hours, on the Litomerice - Ceska Lipa track, there was a collision between motor-driven passenger train. No 1036 and steam-driven train, No 8445. Nine people were killed, 30 were injured seriously, and five sustained light injuries. Of the nine fatalities, eight were passengers.

Antonin Pospisil, Minister of Transportation, arrived at the scene of the accident almost immediately to conduct a thorough investigation.

The following were charged with the responsibility for the accident, were junediately taken into custody, and are being held pending further investigation: the engineer of train No 8445, the dispatcher at the Ustek station, the switchman at the Stvolinka station, and the mechanic at the roundhouse in Ceska Lips The accident occurred between the two small stations of Stvolinka and Zahradka, near Ceska Lipa.

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